

# YUANHEE SEE LAUGHS

by Sax Rohmer

**SUMMARY**

Hurried removal of five crates of opium from the liner Wallaroo carrying 2,600,000 pounds of gold to Australia—discovery of a diary dropped by Yuan Hee See, in the Linthouse warehouse of Lo Lung, London's biggest "robber"—the murder of Sergeant Norwich of Scotland Yard—discovery that Yuan's agents on the Wallaroo are shadowing Eileen Kearney with whom Detective Inspector Dawson Haig is in love—all this occurs before Eileen is kidnapped when she goes ashore at Port Said.

And now, coming in sight of the wall which marked the boundary on the north, he heard again, dimly, that babel of many tongues . . . but outside, in the distant tree-bordered street which led down to the town . . .

At one point an old lebbekh tree overhung the great wall. Haig ran to it, mounted to the lower-most branches, climbed higher, and could see over the wall. A straggling procession was winding down the street towards the port below! The eunuchs he could identify by their liveries, but there were many others who wore no distinguishing dress.

There had been an exodus from the great house. Could he take advantage of it? Along a path bordered by almond trees, he walked. Above everything—he must keep cool. Always, Eileen came into the foreground—but he knew, and his conscience cried out, that even greater stakes were being played for.

A state of the wildest excitement prevailed aboard the Wallaroo. What had happened? Had war suddenly been declared? The underwater craft bore no distinguishing number and flew no flag. Then, a smartly dressed man wearing a turban had come off in her boat.

Up in the captain's room, Aswami Pasha stood by the desk, smiling. He had boarded the Wallaroo alone, and apparently unarmed, leaving one man, a recognizable pugilist, on duty at the ladder head. There was some-

**CHAPTER 25 (Cont'd)**

Dawson Haig went on duty at noon. His "beat" was some two miles in extent. But in all the vast gardens and orchards, pavilions and outhouses it embraced, he met with nothing except numbers of those magnificently proportioned negroes who seemed to grow upon the estate of Yuan Hee See as freely as palms.

These were the eunuchs to whom Kid Brown had referred contemptuously. But Haig realized that they could be very formidable opponents.

The sinister Jackal would soon be safe in a drug-induced sleep. Four hours lay before him in which to justify his foolhardy enterprise of penetrating alone to the stronghold of the enemy.

One clear fact he had grasped. The men allotted patrol duty were no more than watchdogs, probably

thing terrifying in the Egyptian's smiling audacity. Captain Peterson's grey face was very grim.

"I carry three hundred passengers," said he, "a hundred and eighty of them women and children—or, by God! I'd take you at your word."

The Egyptian shrugged his shoulders. "We are both under orders of my commander in the submarine, and you, at the moment, under mine."

"It appears to me, sir," Rattray said, turning to Captain Peterson, "that this thing's an unholy great bluff."

Through a window of the captain's cabin Aswami Pasha pointed to where the wreckage of the mainmast lay, half over the starboard rails.

"You see, we do not hesitate," he murmured. "The show has reached position," the Egyptian went on, "and—" glancing at a jewelled wrist-watch—"I must notify you that you now have exactly three minutes in which to make up your mind, captain."

A boat, packed with negroes and manned by four Arab rowers, was coming from the show. The captain exchanged glances with Jack Rattray.

"No alternative, sir—none whatever," said the latter savagely. "Passengers come first. We daren't risk it."

The skipper nodded, and crossing, swung open the door of a safe. He handed keys to the purser.

And so, from the bullion room between decks, two millions of minted money was removed, taken down the ladder, and transferred to the show. It was contained in wooden boxes, each holding five thousand pounds, and not too heavy for one man to carry. The work was done by a team of huge negroes. In a constant procession, coming and going like magnified black ants, they worked, until all the boxes were removed from the Wallaroo.

The transshipment, carried out with admirable dispatch under the orders of Aswami Pasha at the head of the ladder, was completed in less than a quarter of an hour!

**CHAPTER 26**

In the control room of the submarine Yuan Hee See received constant messages from an unnamed source. Len Chow, the second in command, delivered them:

"P. O. BENDIGO INWARD TWENTY MILES SOUTH-EAST."

"BIBBY LINER OXFORDSHIRE OUTWARD FIFTEEN MILES NORTH-NORTHWEST."

"AMERICAN FREIGHTER JOHN CLAY ADEN TO SUEZ TEN MILES DUE SOUTH."

On receipt of this third message, Yuan Hee See spoke into a tube. "There is too much delay," he said. "Signal to Ali to draw off in the show."

He studied the scene on the Wallaroo. Aswami, at the head of the ladder, raised his hand signifying that the order had already reached him. Three negroes carrying chests, the last of the consignment, climbed into the boat. Aswami followed.

Behind a four-inch quick-firer trained on the liner, the crack German gunner waited and watched. Jo Lung and the Wasp had other duties.

The boat pulled off to the show.

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# "SALADA"

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Yuan Hee See spoke again down the tube: "All is to take both boats in tow without transshipping the last load." This order was transmitted to a man forward on the deck of the submarine and shouted to Aswami Pasha.

Captain Peterson, bare-headed, grey-faced, stood on the bridge of the Wallaroo. It all seemed unreal, utterly impossible. Even now it was difficult to believe that the pirates had been actually on board his ship—without a blow struck, and removed that previous cargo under his eyes . . .

Yet, had there been any alternative? Even if the Wallaroo had carried a gun, the fate of all these women and children below must have rested upon the success of one shot.

He stood listening to the pulsing of the auxiliary engine on board the show, watching the negroes scrambling onto her stern. Then the boats swung out on tow lines, and the show headed in for the head of that rocky island near to which they lay. Her deck was black with negroes.

Suddenly, all signs of life vanished from the submarine. Came the faint sound of a bell on the Wallaroo's bridge; the ship began to vibrate, but:

"Stand by all boat stations!" the captain roared. The order was transmitted, in dying echoes, from point to point of the ship: "Stand by all boat stations . . . stand by . . . boat stations . . . boat stations . . ."

(To Be Continued)

## The Smart Bedroom Is Done In Modern or Classic Manner

Naturally you want your bedroom to convey an impression of peace and repose. But whether you furnish it in modern style or use some of the lovely adaptations of period pieces depends entirely upon your individual taste.

A walk through the furniture shops or departments of any of the fine modern stores will furnish you with plenty of inspiration. You will see fine woods wrought with skillful craftsmanship into pieces of rare and enduring beauty. Pieces that you will be proud to own and to hand down to your children. For one of the outstanding characteristics of the new furniture is that it is soundly and substantially made. If the modern trend has done nothing else, at least it has re-established a regard for value and lasting worth in furniture. For it is a type of furniture that admits of no slighting in construction. Everything must be sound and substantial.

**SIMPLE, RESTFUL DESIGNS**

One of the most distinguished of the modern bedroom suites was modern in inspiration. The pieces were made of beautifully matched woods—the grain of the wood forming an important integral part of the design. The twin beds had plain head and footboards with the grain meeting in the middle to form an effective pattern. The beds and each piece in the set were outlined in ebony. The drawer pulls were formed of oblong blocks of highly polished wood. The large round mirror over the dressing table was set in a black ebony base—the top entirely without a frame. Above the mirror a long cylindrical light of frosted glass was fastened giving a clear bright illumination for make-up. Another dressing table, also in the modern manner was illuminated by indirect lighting—the bulbs set into the top of the table, throwing the light upward and directly on the face so that there were no shadows—a very important feature as every woman who has struggled with old-fashioned methods of illumination can tell you.

Low triangular or square stools are used before the dressing tables. An especially notable feature in bedroom furniture of modern design is the efficient way the chests of drawers are designed. Any man will delight in the easy sliding drawers that open to display large storage space for masculine belongings.

**Exercise, Right Food Holiday Substitutes**

If You Have That Tired Feeling and Can't Get Away, This Advice May Help

Along about this time of year, vitality is at a low ebb and a girl's reflection in the mirror isn't apt to please her. Her complexion seems to be grayish, tired lines appear around mouth and eyes, her neck is stiff when she wakes up in the morning. Something must be done, of course. No one wants to go on feeling out of sorts and looking tired and wan. A vacation probably is the most effective way of getting rid of "spring fever." If you possibly can, take a trip somewhere and get away from the typewriter, sewing machine, children or what have you. You'll be surprised at what one short week will do for your disposition and your looks as well.

However, if you're one of those people who never seem to be able to take a vacation, substitute exercise, the right food and some home beauty treatments for a holiday in the country or on a boat. They're inexpensive substitutes and really quite pleasant.

First, make sure that your drinking ten glasses of water each day, a dash of lemon juice when you get up in the morning. Walk to the office or, if your work is confined to the home, take a brisk walk as soon as the morning's housework is done. Get ten hours sleep every night and do some setting-up exercises when you get out of bed.

**Porridge Stays On Menu Till Summer**

LONDON, Eng.—All is well again in the London County Council institution in Fulham road. Porridge is to remain on the breakfast menu until summer.

There was pandemonium at the home when the master introduced a summer diet; and cut out the porridge. The chairman of the L.C.C. Central Committee controlling the institution and a public assistance officer went around and smoothed the ruffled inmates.

They also decided that objectors need not say grace before meals or prayers in the morning and evening.

"The only true source of politeness is consideration—that vigilant moral sense which never loses sight of the rights, the claims, and the sensibilities of others."—Simms.

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